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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of: MITCHELL Confirmation Number: 9374

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Application No.: 10/005,415

Group Art Unit: 2142

Examiner: HARRELL, Robert B.

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Title: AUTOMATED BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE ARCHIVE FOR STORAGE, RETRIEVAL AND ANALYSIS OF LARGE NUMBERS OF SAMPLES FOR REMOTE CLIENTS

AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH AN RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed together with a request for continued examination and a petition for extension of time. A Notice of Appeal was filed in this case and an Appeal Brief was due on February 10, 2007. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Petition for Extension of Time:

Applicant hereby petitions for a 5-month extension of time, extending the 2-month period allowed for filing of an Appeal Brief. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 033975 for the small-entity fees required, and for any additional required extension of time for filing this Amendment and any other fees due in connection with this submission.